CONGRESSMAN SHERWOOD BOEHLERT MARK-UP REMARKS ON H.R. 1674, UNITED STATES TSUNAMI WARNING AND EDUCATION ACT May 4, 2005

I provided my thoughts on this bill in my opening remarks. Let me just say that this bill will save lives and property. It will have a real impact that hopefully we won't see for a long time because we hope the world won't have to face another tsunami any time soon. But we can't know that – and that's the point. So I urge passage of this bill which will prove essential when we most need it.

REMARKS ON MANAGER'S AMENDMENT

This is largely a technical amendment. The most significant change in it is that it provides additional funds for preparation, education and outreach by altering the proportion of the funding that will go to that purpose. This change is a result of negotiations with our friends on the other side of the aisle. I think the amendment makes this an even more balanced bill. I urge its adoption.